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SUMMARY: MARDER, KEATLEY, LEWIS, AND CARTER DISCUSS SALT AT THE SUMMIT DRAWING UPON BRUSSELS NEWS CONFERENCE AND SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL COMMENTS ABOARD SECRETARY'S AIR-CRAFT. AFTERNOON WIRES COVER WARMING OF RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND ASSURANCES TO ITALY ON CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

1. WASHINGTON POST (MARDER), PAGE 1 LEFT LEAD. MARDER LEADS THAT ALARM ON ENDING SUMMIT IN DEADLOCK LED TO GOAL OF ACHIEVING A 10 YEAR ACCORD, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES. CONTRASTS NIXON HAILING THIS ACCORD AS MOST SIGNIFICANT AT SUMMIT WITH FACT THAT AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES CONCEDE CONCEPT WAS ONLY PUT FORWARD MONDAY NIGHT AND
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TWO SIDES ONLY BEGINNING TO PLUMB THE CONCEPT. MARDER

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SKETCHES BACKGROUND TO THIS AGREEMENT AT LENGTH AND IN AFTERMATH OF RULING OUT EITHER,EXTENDING FIVE- EAGREE-OFFENSIVE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1972 OR A PERMANENT AGREE-MENT. MARDER POINTS OUT THAT PROCESS WILL HAVE TO BE DEBATED FIRST INSIDE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BEFORE SERIOUS

NEGOTIATIONS CAN START AND SAYS THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COMMUNIQUE AND REMARKS BY PRESIDENT NIXON DELIBERATELY LEFT IMPRESSION THAT PROCESS IS MUCH MORE ADVANCED. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS, THIS NEW DIRECTION WAS SET IN TRAIN AS A RESULT OF THE INTENSE AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NIXON AND BREZHNEV AT SUMMIT. MARDER DESCRIBES THE "SOVIET NIGHTMARE" -- CURRENT SUPERIOR U.S. FORCES -- AND THE "AMERICAN NIGHT-MARE -- ULTIMATELY SOVIET MIRVS AND LARGER MISSILES SUR-PASSING THE UNITED STATES. U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THAT IF EACH SIDE IS ASKED TO COMMIT ITSELF TO PERMANENT FIXED CEILINGS NOW MILITARY CAUTION WILL RESULT IN EACH SID DEMANDING HIGH CEILINGS OUTOF FEAR THAT OTHER SIDEWILL RACE AHEAD IN TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR SOVIETS WHO ARE NOW HURRYING TO CLOSE THE GAP. DESPITE HAK'S PUBLIC STATEMENT ON NEW APPROACH -- "WE ARE FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE" -- MARDER STRESSES THAT NO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE WILLING TO PROJECT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN PROCESS AND HAK HAS EVEN AVOIDED CLAIMING THERE ARE AGREED "GUIDELINES" ON FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. MARDER CONCLUDES WHILE SALT SESSIONS SCHEDULED TO RESUME GENEVA NEXT MONTH, HAK ALREADY PLANNING TO RETURN TO MOSCOW, PROBABLY OCTOBER.

2. NYT (LEWIS), PAGE 1, RIGHT LEAD. PHOTO OF HAK AND TINDEMANS. LEWIS LEADS WITH HAK STATEMENT THAT KEY OBSTACLE TO BREAKTHROUGH WAS DIFFICULTY OF AGREEING UPON HOW TO BALANCE MISSILE AND WARHEAD TOTALS. CITES HAK STATING THAT THE RUSSIANS COULD NOT ACCEPT THE NUMBER OF MISSILES THAT "WE PRESENTED AS THE UPPER LIMIT." ALSO CITES SENIOR OFFICIAL ON HAK AIRCRAFT AS SAYING THAT NUMBER DEMANDED RUSSIANS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE TO UNITED STATES. LEWIS DISCUSSES DEMISE OF SHORT-TERM EXTENSION AND PERMANENT AGREEMENT OPTIONS
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AND NOTES THAT THE IDEA OF INTERIM 10-YEAR PACT CAME UP DURING SUMMIT AND AGREED TO MONDAY NIGHT. AT BRUSSELS, HAK EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT SOME NEW APPROACHES COULD LEAD TO NEW INTERIM ACCORD. THE OUTLOOK, ACCORDING TO SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON PLANE, IS THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR GOVERNMENTS TO SETTLE INTERNAL ARGUMENTS AND THEN SIX MONTHS TO TELL IF NEW AGREEMENT POSSIBLE. THE TEST, FROM AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW, IS

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SAID TO BE PRIMARILY WHETHER RUSSIANS SLOW DOWN MIRV-ING SO THAT CHANGEOVER WOULD STRETCH OVER TEN YEARS RATHER THAN BEING COMPLETED BY 1978 OR 1979. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE DEVOTED TO HAK'S EUROPEAN MEETINGS AND FUTURE SCHEDULE.

3. WSJ (KEATLEY), PAGE 3. LEADS WITH NIXON'S STATEMENTS THAT SUMMIT WAS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD "STRUCTURE OF PEACE" AND THAT STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT "SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSER" AS RESULT OF SUMMIT. KEATLEY POINTS OUT THAT PRESIDENT HASN'T EXPLAINED THAT NEW APPROACH IS REALLY LAST MINUTE DECISION TAKEN BECAUSE OLD APPROACH FAILED. ACCORDING SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL ON PLANE, SOVIETS HAVEN'T YET OFFERED ANY ARMS-CONTROL PROPOSALS THAT PROVE THEY WILLING TO CURB THEIR WEAPONS PROGRAMS, NOT JUST THE U.S.. SENIOR OFFICIALS SAYS GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROVE WITHIN SIX MONTHS WHETHER MOSCOW INTENDS TO SIGN ANY EFFECTIVE CONTROLS ON OFFENSIVE WEAPONS. KEATLEY THEN QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT LORING AF BASE -- #EXTENSIVE WORK" ALREADY COMPLETED TOWARDS REACHING A LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC WEAPONS PACT "SHOULD GO FORWARD AT GENEVA IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ON THE BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS GROWING OUT OF OUR TALKS" -- AND SAYS ON THE RECORD HAK IS LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN THE PRESIDENT. -- "THAT A NEW APPROACH CAN BE DEVELOPED THAT MIGHT... LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS." KEATLEY SAYS: "THAT'S MUCH LESS EUPHORIC THAN THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT REMARKS OF A PRESIDENT STRUGGLING TO KEEP HIS JOB. AND THERE'S GOOD REASON FOR MR. KISSINGER'S CAUTION." KEATLEY THEN GOES INTO A LONG ANALYSIS OF HOW THE NEW INTERIM APPROACH WAS ARRIVED AT. KEATLEY SAYS IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SOVS AGREE OR ARE MERELY STALLING WHILE THEY PUSH AHEAD. THE GENEVA TALKS BEGINNING NEXT MONTH WILL BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TEST. KISSINGER BELIEVES WASHINGTON WILL KNOW WITHIN SIX MONTHS IF THIS NEW APPROACH WILL ENCOURAGE THE RUSSIANS TO SIGN EFFECTIVE CONTROLS.

4. NY DAILY NEWS (CARTER), PAGE 2. LEADS NIXON PRESENTED NEW PROPOSALS FOR LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS TO BREZHNEV BUT THEY WERE REJECTED, KISSINGER DISCLOSED. KISSINGER SAID THAT "WE ARE FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATING 10-YEAR AGREEMENT. CARTER SAYS THAT A HIGH AMERICAN OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT RUSSIANS ARE DETERMINED TO CATCH UP WITH THE U.S. AND THAT PEAK OF SOVIET DEPLOYMENT WOULD COME IN 1978 AND 1979. REMAINDER OF COLUMN HAS QUOTES FROM BRUSSELS NEWS CONFERENCE TO BUTTRESS LEAD.

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5. AP. EX-ROME. SCHWEID'S EARLY AFTERNOON LEAD HAS HAK TELLING EUROPEANS THAT U.S. HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO SOVS FOR A SUMMIT WIND-UP TO CSCE. ON FRANCE, HE QUOTES SENIOR OFFICIAL: "I THINK THE FRENCH ARE TRYING TO GET BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH US AND WE'RE

PREPARED TO DO THAT." LATE AFTERNOON LEADS WITH HAK ASSURANCES THAT U.S. PREPARED TO ASSIST ITALY IF ITS ECONOMIC SITUATION WORSENS. QUOTES HAK: "WE ARE FOLLOWING ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS WITH SYMPATHY AND AFFECTION. YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FACT THAT IN WHATEVER MOMENTITALY SHOULD FINDITSELF IN DIFFICULTY, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE IT STABILITY AND PROGRESS."

6. UPI. EX-PARIS. LEAD IS ON HAK/GISCARD MEETING. INDICATING RELATIONS WITH FRANCE WARMING-UP. HAK SAID HIS TALK WAS "FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE" AND AT AIRPORT HAK EMPHASIZED "THE WARM RECEPTION THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT GAVE ME." EX-ROME LEAD IS HAK ASSURANCES TO ITALIANS THAT U.S. HAD NOT GONE BEHIND THEIR BACKS IN MOSCOW AND ITALIANS PUTTING TOUCH ON AMERICA TO HELP THEM SAVE THEIR ECONOMY. SISCO

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